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Ramona Garrett
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: Response to 2007-2008 Grand Jury Report Entitled: **California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Delta Conservation Camp**

On behalf of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and pursuant to Penal Code §933.05, the following responses are offered to the above referenced Solano County Grand Jury Report.

Recommendation 1 – CAL FIRE continues to support the Conservation Camp program based on the tangible benefits the citizens of California receive both in the form of cost effective fire suppression and fire prevention efforts. While ultimately the program is subject to budgetary and legislative controls, at this time the Department has no plans curtail funding or support of this program.

Recommendation 2- CAL FIRE fully supports this recommendation and continues to mentor and counsel inmates in numerous vocational trades including fire suppression (wildland and structural), facility construction and maintenance (including plumbing, electrical and water treatment) and motor vehicle repair and maintenance.

Recommendation 3 - CAL FIRE appreciates that a focus of the report remains to address the traffic issues impacting day to day camp operations and safety. As noted in my response to the 2006-2007 Report, CAL FIRE fully supports the recommendation of the Solano County Grand Jury to encourage responsible agencies to make safety a high priority when planning the future of State Highway 12.

Sincerely,

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cc. Ernie Loveless, Unit Chief, Sonoma Lake Napa Unit